

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 27 and 31 as follows.

Please enter new claims 40-46 as follows.

1-26 (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) An apparatus for covering a portion of a user's face, comprising:

a garment adapted and configured to fit over a portion of a user's face and to substantially surround the user's neck;

a first member defining a first hole in fluid communication with the nostrils of the user and a first channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the first hole, the first channel diverting the air laterally from the nostrils, said first member being attached to said garment; and

a second member defining a second hole in fluid communication with the mouth of the user and a second channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the second hole, said second member being attached to said garment;

wherein a portion of the first channel is received within the second channel, and the air from the nostrils mixes with the air from the mouth in the second channel.

28. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the second channel is adapted and configured to divert the air laterally from the mouth, and said second member defines at least one exhaust port for exhausting the nostril air and mouth air to ambient.

29. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said first member is repeatedly separable from the second channel and repeatedly receivable within the second channel.

30. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said first member includes a barrier adapted and configured to direct air exhausted from one nostril to flow within the first channel in front of the other nostril.

31. (currently amended) An apparatus for covering a portion of a user's face, comprising:

a garment adapted and configured to fit over a portion of a user's face;

a first member defining a first hole in fluid communication with the nostrils of the user and a first channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the first hole, the first channel diverting the air laterally from the nostrils, said first member including a barrier adapted and configured to direct substantially all of the air exhausted from one nostril to flow within the first channel in front of the other nostril, said first member being attached to said garment; and

a second member defining a second hole in fluid communication with the mouth of the user and a second channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the second hole, said second member being attached to said garment.

32. (previously presented) An apparatus for covering a portion of a user's face, comprising:

a garment adapted and configured to fit over a portion of a user's face, said garment defining a first breathing aperture for alignment with the nostrils of the user and a second breathing aperture for alignment with the mouth of the user, said garment including a flexible member surrounding the second breathing aperture and attached to said garment;

a first separable member defining a first hole in fluid communication with the first breathing aperture, said first member being attached to said garment generally around the periphery of the first hole, said first member including an extension protruding laterally from the first hole; and

a second separable member defining a second hole, a third hole, and a flow channel in fluid communication with the second hole and the third hole;

wherein placement of the extension through the second hole and within the flow channel couples said second separable member to said garment and placement of said flexible member through the third hole and within the flow channel couples said second separable member to said garment.

33. (previously presented) An apparatus for covering a portion of a user's face, comprising:

a garment adapted and configured to fit over a portion of a user's face; and

a flexible member attached to said garment, said member defining a first hole in fluid communication with the nostrils of the user, a second hole in fluid communication with the mouth of the user, a first channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the first hole, and a second channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the second hole, said member including an internal barrier separating the first channel and the second channel between the mouth and the nostrils, said member defining a third hole spaced laterally from the second hole, the third hole being in fluid communication with the second channel and ambient.

34. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the third hole is in fluid communication with the first channel and ambient.

35. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 33 wherein air flowing in the first channel and air flowing in the second channel combine within said member.

36. (previously presented) An apparatus for covering a portion of a user's face, comprising:

a garment adapted and configured to fit over a portion of a user's face; and

a flexible member attached to said garment, said member defining a first hole in fluid communication with the nostrils of the user, a second hole in fluid communication with the mouth of the user, a first channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the first

hole, and a second channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the second hole, said member including a front wall and a rear wall, the front wall separating the second channel from ambient conditions in front of the user's mouth, the rear wall at least partly separating the second channel from the garment.

37. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the front wall separates the first channel from ambient conditions in front of the user's nostrils and the rear wall at least partly separates the first channel from the garment.

38. (previously presented) An apparatus for covering a portion of a user's face, comprising:

a garment adapted and configured to fit over a portion of a user's face; and

a flexible member attached to said garment, said member defining a first hole in fluid communication with the nostrils of the user, a second hole in fluid communication with the mouth of the user, a first channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the first hole, and a second channel adapted and configured for accepting air flowing from the second hole, said member defining a third hole spaced laterally from the first hole and the second hole, the third hole being in fluid communication with the first channel, the second channel, and ambient, said member including an internal baffle that diverts downward ambient air flowing into the third hole, through the first channel, and into the first hole to minimize the direct flow of air from the third hole over the nostrils of the user.

39. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38 wherein said flexible member is fabricated from a material which remains flexible at low temperature.

40. (new) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the second channel is adapted and configured to divert the air laterally from the mouth, and said second member defines at least one exhaust port for exhausting the nostril air and mouth air to ambient.

41. (new) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein said garment substantially surrounds the user's neck.

42. (new) The apparatus of claim 32 wherein said garment substantially surrounds the user's neck.

43. (new) The apparatus of claim 33 wherein said barrier is adapted and configured to direct substantially all of the air exhausted from one nostril to flow within the first channel in front of the other nostril.

44. (new) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the second channel is adapted and configured to divert the air laterally from the mouth, and said second member defines at least one exhaust port for exhausting the nostril air and mouth air to ambient.

45. (new) The apparatus of claim 36 said first member including a barrier adapted and configured to direct substantially all of the air exhausted from one nostril to flow within the first channel in front of the other nostril.

46. (new) The apparatus of claim 38 wherein said garment substantially surrounds the user's neck.